A tale of 2 families touched by tragedy

Geraldo Rivera's two-part prime-time syndication show on **Lee Harvey Oswald** winds up tonight, but one off-camera story you won't hear comes from **Nellie Connally,** wife of **John Connally.**

The Connallys didn't attend **John F. Kennedy's** funeral because the then-governor of Texas was still hospitalized with his own wounds suffered when the president was shot.

Nellie Connally told Rivera her son, **John Connally III,** then 17, wanted to go to the services for JFK. He insisted his mother give him a note to take to **Jacqueline Kennedy.** Young John told Jackie, "It was very difficult for my mother to write this note." And, recalled Nellie, "Mrs. Kennedy took both of John's hands in hers and said, 'John, the one good thing that came out of this tragedy is that your father lived.' " Jackie hasn't spoken to the Connallys since.

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